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SUBJECT: TRACE RESPONSE ON DUTCH JOURNALIST

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FOR STATION BACKGROUND ONLY. RESPONSE TO REF QUESTIONS RE THE SHARING OF INFO WITH LIAISON WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. HQS BELIEVES SUBJECT TO BE IDENTICAL TO WILLIAM LEONARD ((OLTMANS)), (DPOB 10 JUNE 1925, HUIZEN, THE NETHERLANDS), WHO WAS ASSIGNED 201-0155221 ON 27 FEBRUARY, 1957, ON THE OCCASION OF A NAME CHECK REQUEST AGAINST PNINFINITE FILES FROM NVGIFT. AT THE TIME, OLTMANS WAS OSTENSIBLY A CORRESPONDENT FOR AN OBSCURE DUTCH WEEKLY PUBLICATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. HIS REPUTATION AT THE UN WAS SUCH THAT HE WAS OSTRACISED BY THE DUTCH DELEGATION AND FELLOW DUTCH NEWSMEN FOR HIS OPENLY PRO-INDONESIAN PUBLIC STAND ON THE DUTCH GUINEA QUESTION. HE ALSO CLAIMED TO WORK FOR AN UNKNOWN NEWS SYNDICATE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT NONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES COULD CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN ANY OF HIS WRITINGS PUBLISHED. HIS MAIN INCOME SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM PUBLIC LECTURES IN THE UNITED STATES ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICS , ESPECIALLY MATTERS TOUCHING ON ASIA IN GENERAL, AND INDONESIA SPECIFICALLY. HE CLAIMED HE GREW UP IN INDONESIA, AND THEREFORE KNEW THE AREA AND ITS "CONDITIONS" WELL. IN ADDITION, HE WAS CONSTANTLY SEEN WITH WHAT A WESTERN SOURCE WOULD CALL "THE WRONG CROWD", AND HE HAD EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH ALL THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBA AND WAS ON INTIMATE TERMS WITH ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE GUINEANS, THE INDONESIANS, AND THE EGYPTIANS.

3. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR 243172, 12 JANUARY 1987, ONE OF THE LAST ENTRIES IN OLTMANS' FILE, "OLTMANS HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE HAS HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE IS INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY BY VIRTUE OF HIS FAMILY HAVING HAD A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY ON THE QUININE TRADE AT ONE TIME. HE IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT BUT PECULIAR, AND WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS EVER IN THE PAY

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OF THE SOVIETS, HE CERTAINLY HAD BEEN A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF THEIR CAUSES." THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS TAKEN FROM SUBJECTS RATHER LARGE HQS FILE.

4. HE STUDIED BRIEFLY AT YALE UNIVERSITY AND WAS EXPELLED FOR MISBEHAVIOR (NFI). FOR A SHORT TIME THEREAFTER, HE WORKED FOR UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AND "DE TELEGRAFF", A MAJOR DUTCH DAILY NEWSPAPER, BUT WAS FIRED FROM BOTH. IN 1956, HE MARRIED AN AMERICAN GROUND STEWARDESS, AND IN ON 10 JUNE 1958, HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN NEW YORK CITY AS A PRA, A STATUS WHICH HE HELD UNTIL AT LEAST 1987. IN 1960, HE DIVORCED HIS WIFE, AND IN 1961, WAS LIVING WITH A PHILIPINO MALE.

5. NUMEROUS FIELD REPORTS INDICATE THAT IN 1956, OLTMANS ARRANGED AN INTRODUCTION FOR HIMSELF TO INDONESIAN PRESIDENT ((SUKARNO)) WITH WHOM HE THEN TRAVELED THROUGH EURPOPE IN 1956 AS SUKARNO'S GUEST. HIS TRIP FROM INDONESIA TO THE U.S. IN FEBRUARY 1957 WAS PAID FOR BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, AND ALL INDICTIONS WERE THAT HE WAS BEING USED AS A TOOL BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON PROPAGANDA IN THE U.S. AND AT THE UN. DURING THE PERIOD 1960-1961, HE SHUTTLED BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

6. SUBJECT NEXT APPEARS IN OUR RECORDS IN 1968, WHEN HE TELEPHONED THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA) IN THE HAGUE TO ADVISE THEM THAT HE WAS ANTI-AMERICAN AND TO GIVE THE USIA INFORMATION ON ANTI-AMERICAN DUTCH GROUPS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

7. IN 1972, SUBJECT PLANNED TO MAKE A FILM ON ECOLOGY IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND VISITED THERE 23-26 JANUARY TO MAKE THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. AT THIS TIME, THE DUTCH SERVICE CLAIMED THAT OLTMANS HAD A FIVE YEAR RETAINER FROM THE RUSSIANS AS AN OVERT PR MAN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE FILE THAT THE FILM WAS EVER MADE.

8. IN MARCH AND APRIL 1977, OLTMANS GAINED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE U. S. AND THE NETHERLANDS WHEN HE TESTIFIED
*BEFORE THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES<ASSASSINATIONS>COMMITTEE ON
*THE LATE GEORGE DE ((MOHRENSCHILDT))'S CONNECTION WITH<LEE HARVEY>
*<((OSWALD))>AND THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT<JOHN>F.<((KENNEDY)).> IT HAD LONG BEEN KNOWN THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT, AS PART OF THE DALLAS RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY, WAS CLOSE TO OSWALD. OLTMANS HAD LONG BEEN CULTIVATING DE MOHRENSCHILDT AS A NEWS SOURCE AND FRIEND. IN JANUARY, 1976, DE MOHRENSCHILDT WROTE OLTMANS THAT HE WAS PREPARING A BOOK ON HOW HE (DE MOHRENSCHILDT) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OSWALD'S
*<ASSASSINATION>OF<KENNEDY.>

9. IN MAY 1983, THE DUTCH SERVICE HAD A TELTAP (WHICH THEY CONSIDERED HIGHLY SENSITIVE AS IT INVOLVED ONE OF THEIR OWN CITIZENS) ON OLTMANS WHO SEEMED TO REVEAL SOME INTERESTING TIDBITS , SOME OF WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED GOSSIP, BUT WHICH MIGHT BE OF SERIOUS INTEREST TO ANALYSTS WATCHING THE INTERPLAY OF HIGH LEVEL SOVIET PERSONALITIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN HE TALKED TO HIS LEFTIST DUTCH FRIENDS. THE QUESTION OF OLTMANS'PRA STATUS CAUSED HQS TO REQUEST A STANDDOWN ON FURTHER ELICITATION OF INFO DERIVED FROM THE DUTCH SERVICE TELTAP ON OLTMANS UNTIL A REVIEW OF LEGAL ASPECTS COULD BE MADE. IT BECAME HQS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS TELTAP WAS BEING

CONDUCTED BY THE DUTCH SERVICE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES AND THAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE INDEPENDENT OF ANY NWBOLTON INTERESTS. SINCE INFO OF INTEREST TO NWBOLTON WAS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE TELTAP, AND NOT INFO CONCERNING OLTMANS HIMSELF, THE HAGUE STATION COULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFO OFFERED AND TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL AND MORE DETAILED INFO CONCERNING SOVIET INTENTIONS WITHOUT SPECIFYING THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS TO BE ACQUIRED. THE BASIS FOR THIS DECISION WAS THAT A) OLTMANS HIMSELF WAS NOT THE SUBJECT OF NWBOLTON INTEREST AND B)NWBOLTON WAS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE TELTAP.

10. ON 16 JANUARY 1987, SAN FRANCISCO STATION ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN BROKERING HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN A LARGE U.S. COMPUTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT AND ENHANCED RUSSIAN MICROCOMPUTER MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY.

11. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1987, FBIS MONITORED THE ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT IN MARTINIQUE WHER HE WAS MEETING WITH SURINAMESE CITIZENS AND ACCUSED FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS OF FAVORING THE SURINAME REBELLION.

12. OLTMANS NEXT APPEARS IN A PRESS RELEASE OF 20 MAY 1992 WHEN HE SOUGHT REFUGE AT THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AFTER HE WAS ALLEGEDLY ACCUSED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S SECRET SERVICE OF BEING AN AGENT FOR NWBOLTON, SAYING HE HAD GONE TO THE EMBASSY FOR "PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE: I FEEL UNSAFE HAVING BEEN BRANDED A CIA AGENT". HE ALSO SAID THAT HIS APARTMENT HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO AND BUGGEDAND MANY OF HIS PROJECTS HAD BEEN TORPEDOED BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN BRANDED AN NWBOLTON AGENT.

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